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Immigration: A Guide  
for Advocates



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## Key Takeaways:

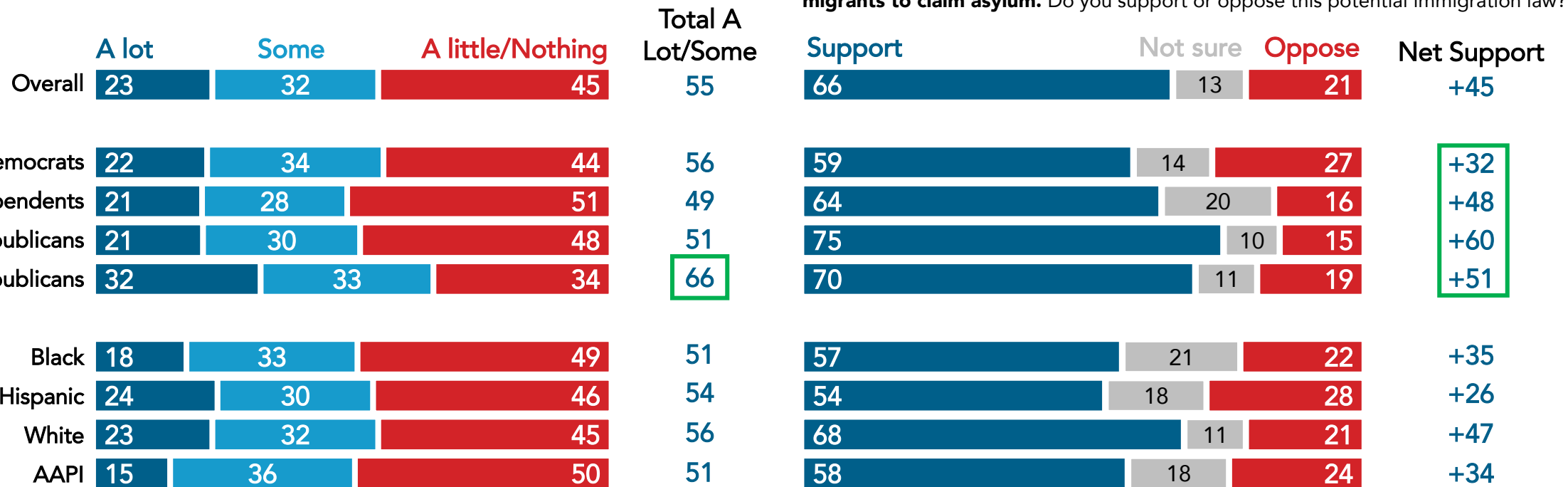
- Two in three Americans support the recent immigration proposal, but most people are unaware of it.
- Even after Americans learn of Biden's support and Trump's opposition to the deal, a plurality say they would have preferred to see it pass, including many Republicans, while only a quarter oppose it.
- On the Republican approach to the recent immigration package, Americans' greatest concerns are that Republicans are focused on the wrong issues and playing politics/scoring political points instead of getting things done on the issues Americans care about.

# Less Than One in Four Americans Are Hearing "A Lot" About Recent Immigration Talks; Two in Three Support When Explained

Compared to awareness around other events in Navigator tracking, the recent border and immigration talks come in on the lower end: 78% of Americans had heard "a lot" or "some" about the Chinese surveillance balloon being shot down last year and another 59% had heard about the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank in March of last year, compared to 55% on this potential legislation.

How much have you seen, read, or heard about Congress considering potential legislation that includes changes to border and immigration laws?

As you may have heard, an immigration law was recently proposed in Congress that would have increased funding for border security and made it harder for migrants to claim asylum. Do you support or oppose this potential immigration law?

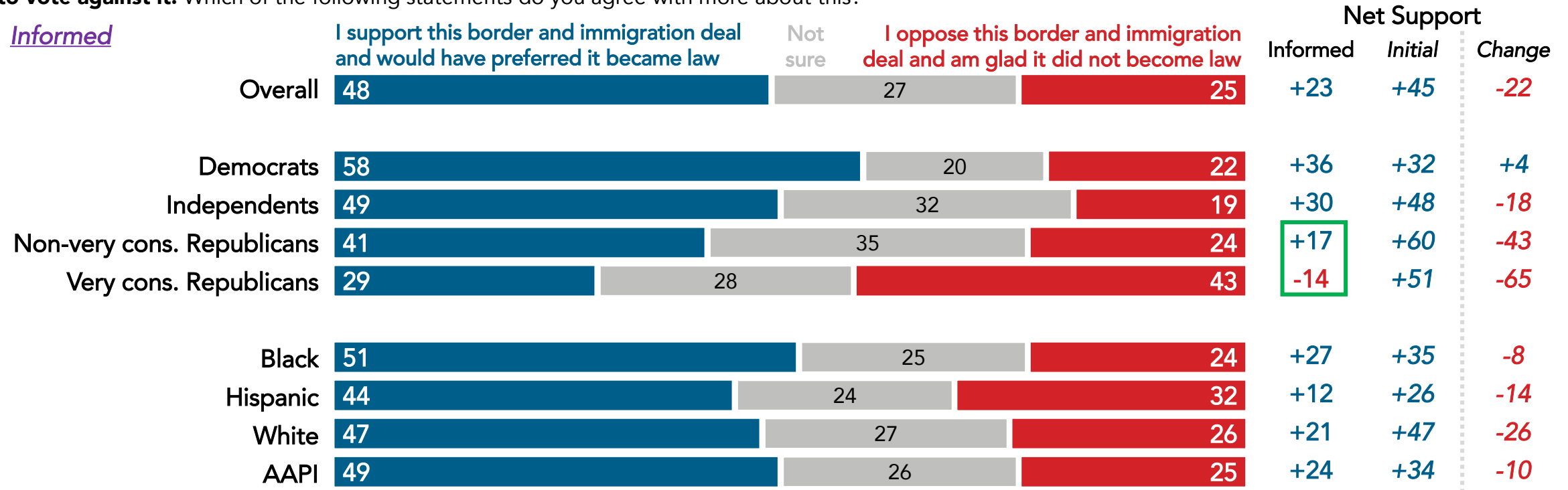


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# Even After Hearing of Trump's Opposition to the Deal, Nearly Half Would Have Preferred It Pass, Including Many Republicans

Support drops among Republicans after hearing about Trump's opposition to the deal, but still 41% of not very conservative Republicans and 29% of very conservative Republicans support the deal.

Here is some more information about this proposed legislation: Republicans and Democrats negotiated a bipartisan deal to increase border security and make it harder for migrants to claim asylum. President Biden said he would sign the bill into law, but it did not pass after Donald Trump told Republicans to vote against it. Which of the following statements do you agree with more about this?



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# Most Concerning About Republicans' Immigration Approach: Distraction from Priorities, Playing Politics Instead of Solutions

Below are some statements about Republicans in Congress on immigration. Please indicate how concerning you find each statement.

<i>Republicans in Congress...</i>	*/** Split sample	Very concerning	Somewhat concerning	Don't believe	Not concerning	Total Concerning			
						Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep
...continue to distract with their political games and refusal to work with Democrats, instead of focusing on providing solutions on the priorities that matter most to Americans, like inflation and immigration		41	22	25	12	63	90	63	34
...negotiated a bipartisan immigration deal with Democrats, but they then voted against their own legislation because Donald Trump told them to do so in order to score political points against President Biden during an election year		40	21	23	15	61	86	65	33
**...would rather play politics and try to score points on immigration, while they oppose plans to fix our broken immigration system that would reestablish order at the border and create a path to citizenship for those who work, pay taxes, or serve in our military		40	21	27	12	60	87	63	32
...have no interest in solving the country's problems – they tanked a bipartisan solution to increase border security and address the migrant crisis just because they didn't want to help President Biden solve the problem before the election		40	19	27	14	59	85	62	30
*...would rather play politics and try to score points on immigration, while they push for plans that would separate families at the border and deport Dreamers, the undocumented immigrants who came to the United States as children		40	18	25	17	58	86	69	24
...are making the situation at the border worse by blocking this deal, which would have increased border security and increased border screenings for fentanyl		37	22	25	16	59	83	62	31
...are hurting our economy by voting against this immigration deal. Countless companies have job openings that immigrants could help to fill, but without a legal way for them to work, we continue to have worker shortages that contribute to inflation and higher costs for everyone		32	25	27	16	57	83	56	28

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## About Navigator

In a world where the news cycle is the length of a tweet, our leaders often lack the real-time public-sentiment analysis to shape the best approaches to talking about the issues that matter the most. Navigator is designed to act as a consistent, flexible, responsive tool to inform policy debates by conducting research and reliable guidance to inform allies, elected leaders, and the press. Navigator is a project led by pollsters from Global Strategy Group and GBAO along with an advisory committee, including: Jessica Floyd, The Hub Project; Christina Reynolds, EMILY's List; Mike Podhorzer, AFL-CIO; Jesse Ferguson, progressive strategist; Navin Nayak, Center for American Progress Action Fund; Stephanie Valencia, EquisLabs; and Melanie Newman, Planned Parenthood Action Fund.

## About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted public opinion surveys among a sample of 1,000 registered voters from February 15-February 19, 2024. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 75 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among independent voters. The survey was conducted online, recruiting respondents from an opt-in online panel vendor. Respondents were verified against a voter file and special care was taken to ensure the demographic composition of our sample matched that of the national registered voter population across a variety of demographic variables.

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